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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Saturday,

4th December, 1937.
19th Vrischigam, 1113.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir Shanmukham Chetty, K. C. I. E.) in the Chair.

Messrs. Shabdai S. Koder, C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar. C. P. Lonappan, T. S. Balarama Ayyar, K. T. Mathew, M. Sivarama Menon, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan and R. Viswanathan Chettiar were absent.

Government works done in private presses.

101. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar** *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) a list of private presses to which Government printing works were given in 1111;

(2) the names of their proprietors;

(3) the amount given to them as printing charges?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(1) Industrial School Press, Ernakulam and Viswanath Press, Ernakulam.

(2) Rev. Fr. Peter Vadasseri and V. Sundara Ayyar and Sons.

(3) Rs. 2,733—3—9 to Industrial School Press and Rs. 705—15—7 to Viswanath Press.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Are there, Sir, any special reasons that all the work could not get done through the Government Press ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Yes. At that time Government was not able to cope with all the works. So far as the printing of the Acts and Proclamations and Council Proceedings were concerned it was found that the Government Press could not cope with that work. Therefore it was given to private presses.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Am I to understand that the Government Press is equipped only to do the normal printing work of the Government ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Our Press will not be able to cope with all the works contemplated here.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Is not the printing of the Council Proceedings one of the normal works of Government ?

Mr. President.—It is not a question whether it can cope with all the works of Government. We find the Government Press as it is to-day is not sufficiently equipped to meet all our requirements.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Is the Government making any attempt to see whether the Government Press is sufficiently equipped to cope with all the works of Government ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Yes. The Government is seriously considering that matter. I may tell the Hon'ble Member that the Government has requisitioned the services of one Mr. Day of the Monotype Corporation. He is coming here to examine our press and suggest necessary changes. We are taking expert opinion to see that our press is worked more economically and does all the work we have to do without leaving any work to the private presses.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—It was stated that the kind of work entrusted to outside agencies was printing of Acts and Proclamations. May I know how far that work has progressed ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Almost all volumes have been printed and it is hoped that the volumes will be released by the 1st of January.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Has not the price of the volumes been fixed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Separate volumes at the rate of Rs. 4 each and all the four volumes together at Rs. 15.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas South).*—Will the Legislative Council Members be supplied with a copy each free? (Laughter).

Mr. President.—All the Hon'ble Members should buy a set each. Since they have much to study they ought to have a copy in their possession.

Compositors—Government Press—Complaints from.

102. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar** *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received complaints from the compositors of the Government Press in 1112 and 1113 that they are not given sufficient work;

(2) if so, whether these complaints are true and what action if any, have they taken in the matter?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(1) Yes.

(2) On enquiry it has been found that some re-distribution of work is necessary and that has been made.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Sir, is the allegation that they were not given sufficient work true?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—To some extent it was.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Whether the complaint was that some preference was shown to some and they did not get sufficient work?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—The complaint really was that on some days they were not getting sufficient work.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether the entrusting of printing works to outside agencies was at least partly responsible for these complaints?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—No.

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